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Bobby SEALE, Black Panther Party chairman has recently called Ron KARENGA "a reactionary nigger" and the battle for supremacy (and maybe survival) continues to rage in radical black militant circles in southern California.

Since the murder a few weeks ago of two Black Panthers at UCLA, KARENGA's organization "US" has suffered a sharp drop in prestige in the Los Angeles Negro community. In a recent edition of the Los Angeles Sentinel, the largest Negro newspaper in the West, KARENGA's statement denying responsibility for the killings was relegated to Page 5, Section B. (KARENGA, incidentally, dismissed the killings as "a student incident.")

It appears that progress within Los Angeles's Negro community has come to a virtual standstill following the Panther murders. One major meeting sponsored by the Watts Community Labor Action Committee scheduled for February 7-9 was cancelled. The meeting was planned for ninety public and private Negro organizations including representatives from both "US" and the Panthers.

The chairman of the Los Angeles Black Congress (an alleged umbrella group) has resigned. Since "US" has been a significant force within the Congress, the Panthers have seriously attacked it. The resigning chairman, Walter BREMOND, expressing the view that there is a mood for confrontation between opposing Negro groups recently stated: "We are at the stage of our development where we have to understand that it is now essential and mandatory that all black community organizations and institutions be responsible and accountable to the black community." Other black community spokesmen have warned that internal fratricidal warfare may take place unless communications within the black community are established in a very short time.

Tensions are aggravated by numerous reports of provocations and physical assaults by members of "US" and Panthers on one another. Leadership of militant radicals will not be gained on

philosophical argumentation and the adversaries know that a pusillanimous image can't and won't win the sympathy of the undecided persecution complexed Negro.

Negro history courses on Washington area campuses are proving to be very popular. As the spring semester opens all area colleges now offer such a course with the exception of Georgetown. Georgetown, however, has offered the Negro history course during past summer sessions and will include it on a regular basis next September.

Howard University's History Department chairman, Dr. Elsie M. LEWIS states that Howard has been offering courses in African and American Negro history for fifty years. Because of their pioneer image, Howard has in recent years received hundreds of requests from colleges and universities all over the country for advice in setting up Negro history courses.

At the University of Maryland, planning estimated 127 would probably seek credit in "The Negro in American Life." Two hundred and fifty signed up for the course and because of student interest the class has been enlarged (and probably sectionized) to accommodate all interested students.

The CPUSA has once again displayed its inflexibility in its effort to perpetuate the tired line of the early 1930's. At a recently concluded national conference of the W. E. B. DuBois Clubs of America (a CPUSA youth organization) held at Chicago, "a new direction for the clubs" was set, "a working class" direction. The meeting was attended by seventy-five young people from all over the United States and the conference topics included the same dreary list of utopianna - equality for workers, women and minorities, end the war, international solidarity, etc.

It is this very unrealistic and stagnant philosophy of recruitment among the working class that has caused the CPUSA to splinter in the past several decades. While the CPUSA and the DuBois Clubs solicit sympathy and membership among the disenchanting working class the communist realists in the Progressive Labor Party are facile enough to angle for the disenchanting fish in the headwaters of left radicalism - the schools, civil rights activists, and the unemployed. The CPUSA traditionally

seems unable to stay abreast of economic trends of U. S. History. Statistically, interpreted and oversimplified, the American worker is better off today than in his history and better off than the working class anywhere in the world. The American worker therefore in the winter 1969, is not vulnerable, by virtue of his place in contemporary society, to the influences of radical change from the left. One hundred years ago Marx instructed the revolutionary to radicalize the worker and though it must seem ludicrous to most of today's rank and file, the Marxists keep trying to seduce the worker - an impenetrable suit of armor.

James FARMER, former national Director of CORE, has been selected for a key position, as an assistant Director, at HEW. FARMER, an important figure in the civil rights program in the early 1960's and a leader of the 1961 freedom rides in the South, resigned from CORE three years ago. Last November FARMER was defeated by Mrs. Shirley CHISHOLM in his campaign in the Bedford-Stuyvesant area of Brooklyn for a seat in the U. S. House of Representatives.

Dr. Charles U. HAMILTON, a political scientist and leading exponent of black power has been granted a professorship in Urban Studies at Columbia University. HAMILTON who will join the faculty in September 1969, occupying a chair endowed by the Ford Foundation, has co-authored a book with Stokeley CARMICHAEL entitled "Black Power, the Politics of Liberation in America." He is presently a professor at Roosevelt University at Chicago.

A Columbia University disciplinary committee consisting of seven students, seven faculty members, and three administrators has ended student punishment (suspension, probation, etc.) which followed last spring's riot at the school. The official reason given was because of "inconsistent punishment and delay in processing cases." Mark RUDD, former SDS leader and acknowledged leader of the riot will be removed from suspension and permitted to register for classes this week. Although the Disciplinary Committee denies it, the SDS hails the decision as "Amnesty" (one of their demands last spring). It must be conceded that amnesty is the effect regardless of what the Committee elects to call it.

Dr. HAYAKAWA the determined head of beleaguered San Francisco State recently faced a congressional committee to answer questions designed to shed more light on the true cause of student revolt on his California campus. Dr. HAYAKAWA answered in part that the nihilistic elements both within and without SFSC were determined to simply bring down the school and close it up. Then, Dr. HAYAKAWA believes that the radical revolutionaries in a state of nihility intend to do the best they can with "participatory democracy."

To illustrate his belief in the third world'ers intent, Dr. HAYAKAWA spoke of the fifteen demands that the radical leadership says are non-negotiable. Of the fifteen, some are reasonable and some (most) are not. Of the reasonable demands, the Administration in most case has long since initiated action for improvement in existing structures or has in some cases laid plans for new departures to assure that contemporary education is responsive to contemporary community needs. One example of the colleges efforts at synchronization is Demand No. 1 that all Black Studies courses being taught through other departments be immediately made part of the Black Studies Department.

Robert SMITH, Dr. HAYAKAWA's predecessor as president of SFSC answered Demand No. 1 last November this way: The twenty black courses currently offered were proposed by Dr. NATHAN HARE, acting chairman of the newly established Black Studies Department, and are presently staffed by personnel agreed upon by HARE. This, said SMITH, is an interim arrangement while the curricular proposals made by HARE move through required channels. Even with full approval at all levels (faculty curriculum committee, undergraduate curriculum committee, instructional policies committee, and faculty Senate) the Department of Black Studies cannot legally be implemented until fall 69. It is predicted, however, that the Department will, under the present extraordinary circumstances, start in the spring semester in an effort to return the campus to something near normal as soon as possible.

HARE, by the way, who was recently arrested by San Francisco police for participating in a campus riot and possibly other charges was fired from Washington's Howard University several years ago for his involvement in student

protest activities. Obviously, SFSC bought trouble when they hired HARE but probably felt that his reputation as an educator and Sociologist overrode his known advocacy of nigritude and to this end his reputation as a racial "Hair Shirt."

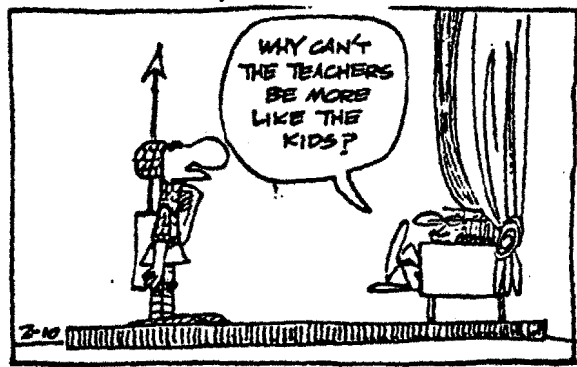
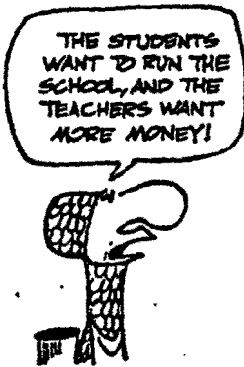
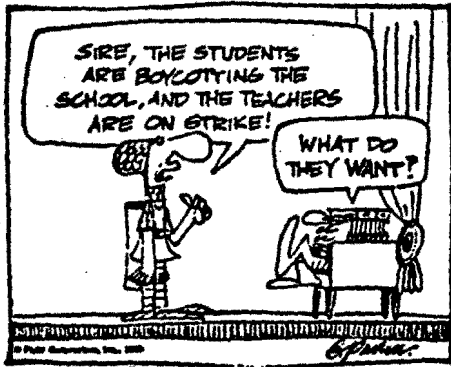
The Black Student Union (one member of the Front sponsoring thenihilism at SFSC) authored Demand No. 7 which is one of the many that Dr. HAYAKAWA regards unreasonable to say the least. The demand that Dr. Helen BEDESEM be fired as Financial Aid Officer and a black person be hired and that the office be administered by "Third World" people was explained by the BSU thusly: "Helen BEDESEM represents the old antebellum plantation mistress, the showpiece of the slavemaster who decides what the field niggers need and don't need. We want her replaced with a Third World person who is absolutely responsible to Third World and poor students, not a house nigger, Uncle Tom, Tio Taco, or a Charlie Chan."

SMITH addressed Demand No. 7 in November of 1968 also. He said then that this demand will not be given serious consideration. Largely through her efforts, Federal money available to SFSC students has increased from \$250,000 in 1962 when she assumed her post to \$2,500,000 today. She, because of her ability, has been asked to serve on national committees which are in a position to influence federal and state legislation. Her staff of fourteen includes five representatives of black, brown and oriental groups who serve as student assistants and in clerical and professional positions. It is not believed that the college will dismiss BEDESEM but will probably insert a black with the title of "assistant."

Dr. HAYAKAWA who replaced SMITH in December 1968 stands resolute and supported from the top. The nihilists will not close SFSC says HAYAKAWA and he sounds like he means it. The troublemakers, the Third World Liberation Front (an unfathomable misnomer), who comprise a mere 4 percent of the school's enrollment, in the meantime, move their miscreant revolt to the site where many observers think the real showdown will come - across the bay at Berkeley.

THE WIZARD OF ID

—By Parker and Hart



BERRY'S WORLD



"I just don't think you can simply dismiss Hayakawa as an 'Uncle Tom.'"



"We Did It! We Took Over the University!"
"Too Bad There Ain't No More University..."

Reportedly, Rennard DAVIS and David DELLINGER of NMC, Cora WEISS of WSP, and Richard BARNETT, co-founder of the Institute of Policy Studies, departed the U. S. on 31 January for Paris, France, for the purpose of contacting various people in Paris to arrange an international conference of peace organizations.

It has been reported that interest in this type of gathering is only warm and there is some doubt that the conference will be held. DAVIS, DELLINGER, and BARNETT returned to the U. S. on 4 February 1969.

CALENDAR OF TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED ACTIVITIES

Asterisked items are either reported for the first time or contain additions or changes to previously reported activities.

- February 14 *Seventy-five members of the Chicago branch of the Women's Strike for Peace plan to hold a demonstration in front of the courthouse at Milwaukee in support of the "Milwaukee 14" who were arrested in September 1968 for destroying Selective Service records.
- February 14-16 *A black conference is scheduled to take place at the University of Minnesota during black history week at the University. The main objectives of the conference are: 1. The bringing together of black students throughout the country for the purpose of defining the roles the black students must play in gaining a more thorough education; 2. The institution of a common communication system through an exchange of ideas; and, 3. To expose black students from all over the country to what other black students are doing in the struggle for black liberation. The conference is being sponsored by the Afro-American Action Committee at the University of Minnesota.
- February 15 *A conference entitled "The Draft and American Society" will be held Saturday at the First Parish Church, Harvard Square, Cambridge, Massachusetts. The conference is sponsored by the American Friends Service Committee and will be attended and addressed by a number of known anti-draft intellectuals.
- February 15 *A GI teach-in will be held at the First Unitarian Church of Los Angeles sponsored by GI's and Vietnam Veterans Against the War. The purpose of the teach-in is allegedly

to educate GI's and Students about the atrocities of the War in Vietnam.

February 15&16

Reportedly BPP branches throughout the country have received written instructions from the organization's central committee concerning the celebration of Huey P. NEWTON's birthday which occurs on February 17. NEWTON, BPP Minister of Defense, is serving a two to fifteen-year prison sentence. Each branch has been ordered to hold a "Free Huey" fund raising celebration on February 15 or February 16 and to encourage white radicals to assist or to organize their own celebrations. Speakers will be made available by the BPP National Headquarters.

February 16

Seattle, Washington - The GI-Civilian Alliance for Peace (GI-CAP) is sponsoring a peace march led by military veterans, civilians and active duty military from the Army, Navy, and possibly Air Force. It would begin at the Seattle City Hall and go to the Eagles auditorium where a rally and dance would be held. A spokesman estimated that 300 military and 3,000 civilians would be in attendance.

*At a recent planning meeting several aspects of the proposed march were emphasized: GI's participating in the march should be in civilians clothes; GI's taking part should be properly signed out of their bases (for Seattle); monitors will be used to control marchers and spectators; and female participants will be used to encircle and remove any undesirable or troublemaker (sic). Participants of the planning meeting told of eluding authorities on military installations while publicizing the march and gave names and descriptions of local CID personnel. Commanders of local Seattle area bases allegedly have taken action to preclude participation in the march by military personnel.

February 17

*It is reliably reported that members of SDS plan to disrupt registration for the spring semester at San Francisco State College.

February 22

Chicago, Illinois - A city-wide conference on peace will be held by the Chicago Peace Council, at the 8th Street YMCA. The meeting will reportedly deal with: The Vietnam War; Potential Vietnams; Racism and U. S. Foreign Policy; the Arms Race; and Repression - Trade Union, Civilian and GI.

February 22-23

*A massive protest involving civil rights groups in Georgia has been scheduled at Sylvester. Sylvester is the town where the arrest of a fourteen-year-old Negro girl several weeks ago touched off continuing demonstrations and many arrests. Among the organizations taking part in the demonstration planning session were the SCLC, NAACP, ACLU and the Metropolitan Atlanta Summit Leadership Conference.

March 3

The trial of James Earl RAY will apparently start on schedule. Judge W. Preston BATTLE of the Memphis Criminal Court has ordered the public defenders office to assign as many persons as necessary to work with defense attorney Percy FOREMAN in order to meet the trial schedule.

March 4

Washington, D. C. - The New Party plans to inaugurate Dick GREGORY as shadow president of the United States at Washington. GREGORY stated at a recent news conference that planned events on the 4th of March (which he considers the astrologically legitimate date for an inaugural) will be completely peaceful.

The New Party co-chairmen GREGORY and Dr. James P. DIXON, president of Antioch College at Yellow Springs, Ohio, plan a shadow inauguration every four years until a New Party candidate actually wins the Presidency.

GREGORY and DIXON have announced plans to: form a shadow cabinet to comment on the performance of the administration and the "coalition congress"; present an alternative to the military-industrial complex budget prepared by the ruling parties which GREGORY terms "too immoral and too corrupt to govern; and to develop new foreign and domestic policies."

MARCH *

Cambridge, Massachusetts, etc. - A group of about forty-five professors and graduate students have scheduled a voluntary research halt at M. I. T. to focus attention on how the "misuse of scientific and technical knowledge presents a major threat to the existence of mankind." The M. I. T. organizers are actively encouraging scientists at other universities to schedule similar activities on campus and apparently Cornell and Yale Universities and others will follow their lead. The planning is in no way an official M. I. T. activity and the stopping of research will be done on a voluntary basis and no effort will be made to enforce a compulsory research halt. The idea of stopping research as a "practical and symbolic" expression of the apprehension felt by scientists was in the beginning largely focused on Vietnam but its aims have been expanded. A faculty statement being circulated for signature by the 4 March Steering Committee asserts that "Through its actions in Vietnam our Government has shaken our confidence in its ability to make wise and humane decisions... etc." As well as stopping research, the day of 4 March will be devoted to discussion of problems and possible ways for scientists to initiate political action.

March 16

London, England - Mrs. Coretta KING, widow of Martin Luther KING, Jr., will be the first woman to preach at a regular service in St. Paul's Cathedral, according to authorities in London.

April 4

*Rev. Ralph D. ABERNATHY, leader of SCLC, announced a nation-wide drive to organize poor whites and Negroes into unions through an alliance of unions, civil rights and religious organizations. The campaign is to begin April 4, the anniversary of the assassination of the Rev. Martin Luther KING, Jr.

February 15-16 &
April 6

*This weekend, the Young Socialists Alliance, the youth organization of the Trotskyite SWP will hold a meeting on the Campus of Emory University at Atlanta. The

purpose of the meeting is to shape the movement in the South. The participants will discuss a massive anti-Vietnam War protest to be held in various cities on 6 April.

SOURCE: Government and news media

RELIABILITY: Probably true